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Choirs join in Christmas Cantata harmony

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

The talented singers and musicians from five churches joined together in a glorious evening of song on Sunday as St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church hosted the 2017 Interdenominational Christmas Cantata, in conjunction with Elk Point Christian Community Church, Elk Point United Church, St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church and Glad

Tidings Pentecostal Assembly, Vermilion.

Directed by Margaret Bayduza and accompanied by Gabrielle Bayduza and Irwin Panganiban on piano, Tom Valteau on recorder and Ethan Goulet with rhythm instruments, the vocalists offered a variety of songs of the season, from the processional, "Caroling, Caroling," to the cantata's traditional recessional, "Silent Night" sung in German, Ukrainian, French, Tagalog and English.

The youngest singers opened the evening with "Away in a Manger" before Fr. Gerard Gauthier offered an opening prayer and welcomed the audience, who were encouraged to add their voices to congregational carols that alternated with songs by the choir, special numbers and readings of scripture by Laurie Sibal, Bernice Batdorf and Armand Houle, as they told the story of that first Christmas so long ago.

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Chamber needs a stocking full of fundraising ideas

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Unless Santa Claus puts a big cheque in the EcoCentre's stocking, Elk Point and District Chamber of Commerce members may be spending the rest of 2017 thinking up ways to pay down the loan on the building, now that restoration following this year's flooded basement have all but emptied their bank account.

Early in the history of the building, which opened in May of 2010, the chamber held major fundraisers featuring entertainers such as Danny Hooper and Jimmy the Janitor, with proceeds going toward the loan principal, and sponsorship of the upstairs Eco Education Room by TD Canada Trust also helped to shrink the balance. More recently, however, a downturn in

the economy has taken its toll and the chamber has not been able to decrease the amount still owing.

One suggestion made at the December meeting was to determine if the upstairs meeting room could be used as a rental property, possibly as office space. Selling the building was suggested, but because it is located on leased property, it could not be sold to a private buyer. A much less appealing suggestion was to sell the building to be moved, but that would not only require very costly reclamation of the site, it would leave a large bare spot in Elk Point's landscape.

Extravaganza

The Dec. 1 Christmas Extravaganza brought mixed reviews from merchants, but its parade brought enthusiastic comments from the public who enjoyed the beautifully decorated entries that toured the town.

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WAGON WITH A MESSAGE - Morris Irvine's team and wagon, reminding everyone to support organ and tissue donation, and a second wagon driven by Lionel Romanchuk were a special treat for some Extravaganza parade watchers, who agreed, "It was nice to see the horses back in the parade."

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WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM THEIR FRIENDS at Cornerstone Co-op, this squad of ambitious teens from Elk Point Outreach School were all set to clear sidewalks for Elk Point seniors last Tuesday, as part of a new partnership forged with the County of St. Paul and Elk Point FCSS. Co-op manager Bob Ellacott (right) arranged to have six shiny shovels donated and delivered to assist the volunteer effort.



Early Christmas and New Year's deadlines

The advertising deadline for the Dec. 26 edition of the St. Paul Journal and Elk Point Review is **Monday, Dec. 18 at 3 p.m.** This Boxing Day newspaper will be distributed on Dec. 22.

The Elk Point Review office will be closed from Friday, Dec. 22 to Tuesday, Dec. 26, inclusive.

The advertising deadline for the Jan. 2, 2018 edition of the St. Paul Journal and Elk Point Review is **Wednesday, Dec. 27 at noon.**

Thank you for your cooperation, and have a very happy Christmas season.



POWERFUL DUET - Rick Dees and Sue Bartholomew combined their talents in their rendition of 'The Holy City'.

Cantata

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Mary Bezpalko, Olga Seniuk and Lawrence Pidluzny sang two traditional Ukrainian carols, "God Eternal" and "Christ, Our Saviour is Born," Tom Valleau

played "The Weatherford Carol" on recorder, and a large group of Santa-hatted singers performed a medley of Filipino carols, followed by a duet by two of their smallest singers, Darwin Panganiban and Heidi Sibal, who delighted the audience with their "Merry, Merry Christmas."

Those two youngsters were joined by Ethan Goulet and David Cardinal to tell the story of "The Friendly Beasts," while later in the program, another duet, Sue Bartholomew and Rick Dees, sang a powerful rendition of "The Holy City."

Fr. Mark Sych pronounced the Benediction.



BEASTS BRING GIFTS - Ethan Goulet, Darwin Panganiban, Heidi Sibal and David Cardinal tell the story of 'The Friendly Beasts.'



TRADITIONAL UKRAINIAN CAROLS were shared by Olga Seniuk, Lawrence Pidluzny and Mary Bezpalko.

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BROOKE YAREMCHUK definitely hunts like a girl, harvesting the winner in the Ladies' class that measured an impressive 178 0/8 inches.



TOP WHITETAIL was entered by Peter Dzirwenka of Mundare, a beauty that measured 196/48 inches.

Entries down, but Big Bucks measure up

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

While only 29 sets of antlers were in contention at the 2017 Elk Point Oilmen's Big Buck competition compared to 49 last year, the winning racks in two of the four categories beat out last year's measures by a considerable margin, while a third tied with the 2016 winner for that class.

Ryan Ockerman's mule deer, which also won in Ashmont the previous week, measured in at 213 3/8 inches, compared to 197 for last year's top muley, while Peter Dzirwenka of Mundare brought in the winning whitetail, the six-by-six measuring 196 4/8, compared to last year's 181-inch winner. Ladies winner Brooke Yaremchuk also brought in a fine six-by-six that measured 178 0/8, the same as last year's top entry. A very proud Cole Bendixen was the Youth category winner, with a five-by-five that measured in at 159 3/8 inches.

Ockerman won a \$500 head mount sponsored by the Oilmen's Association, while Hahn Welding sponsored Dzirwenka's award, Xtreme Technology sponsored Yaremchuk's head mount and Leo Hurtubise sponsored Bendixen's prize.

Generous sponsorship allowed the Oilmen to offer four prizes for Early Bird entrants, with George Hahn winning the Men's Whitetail prize, Jace Stafford the Youth Whitetail, Leanne Suvak the Ladies' Early Bird and Real Fontaine the Mule Deer prize.

Six future hunters also took home prizes in a special kids' draw, while almost all the entrants who were in attendance took home one or more door prizes.

"This doesn't happen without our sponsors," Brant Evans of the Big Buck committee told the crowd, listing Poacher's Corner, DLM, E-Can Oilfield, JPD, Mistol Seeds, Caouette and Sons, MRC, Bumper to Bumper, Elk Point Lions, RONA, Shamrock Valley Enterprises, Weatherford, Windsor Salt and Knotty Boyz as the day's other contributors.



TOP MULE DEER - Ryan Ockerman proudly shows off his monster Mule Deer, which measured a whopping 213 3/8 inches.



YOUTH WINNER
Cole Bendixen found time between hockey games and practices for some deer hunting, and brought in this winning entry, which measured 159 3/8 inches.

Vicki Brooker photos



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EDITORIAL

There's still time to share

The need is still there, and there's still time to share. Elk Point Community Lions still have their collection boxes out in the schools and stores around Elk Point, and are still taking donations of gifts and non-perishable food to help less fortunate families to have a merrier Christmas.

The Christian Community Church once again has their Trees of Warmth set up in local financial institutions, waiting to be decked out with toques, mittens and scarves, and this year, the items they collect are going to the Elk Point Elementary School to make sure everyone stays warm this winter.

Elk Point Insurance, which won not only the Recreation Department's Judge's Choice award but also the People's Choice vote on Extravaganza evening for their well-decorated office, is taking donations for the Elk Point Elementary's breakfast program when you put a donation on their tree, helping students to get a good start on their day.

And if you have no gifts, food, mittens or cash to share, you could still help out in the community. Elk Point Outreach School students are out cleaning walks, but would likely be glad to share the shoveling.

RECREATION CORNER

If you won't be home for Christmas...

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Review Contributor

Are you going on vacation during the holidays or visiting loved ones out of town? Here's some handy tips to ensure you come home from your trip without any headaches.

1. Tell a trusted neighbour or friend - Let someone know you're leaving town and for how long. Ask them to check in on your place. If they really like you, maybe you can even ask them to shovel your walk. The Town has a bylaw that snow must be cleared within 48 hours of snowfall. It may even be a good idea to pay the neighbour kid to make sure your walk is clear for pedestrians. You also want to make sure your pets are taken care of. Don't just leave the dog outside with food. He may run out or run away. Always have someone available to care for your animals when you are away.

2. Don't tell everyone - If you're leaving town for an extended period, it may be wise not to blast it on social media. You never know who may be watching for people leaving on vacation, making it a perfect opportunity for crime. Rather than announce, "we're gone to Mexico for the next week!" maybe wait until your return to post all the sunny destination photos. That's another reason it's important to have someone check in on your place. That person can also spot any suspicious activity or even turn a few lights on at the beginning of the day and off at night - kind of a home alone situation, make it look like there's people there.

3. Don't turn your heat all the way off - Some people think they'll save on the heating bill by turning their furnace off while on vacation. This can actually cause more damage if it leads to the pipes freezing. Make sure to leave the furnace on a lower than normal temperature - but high enough so that your pipes don't freeze.



Way Back When...

Zone champions, community concert, comeback year

HERE'S THE NEWS THAT MADE THE HEADLINES OF THE LAKELAND REVIEW AND ELK POINT REVIEW FOR THE WEEK OF DEC. 11 IN...

1987

Elk Point Junior Women's curling teammates Cathy Irvine, Wendy Lorensen, Wanda Garriock and Lori Irvine, coached by Gail Hurtubise, won the Zone championship and were off to Northern Alberta play-downs. The chamber of commerce was deep in plans for a major one-night shopping event called Christmas Extravaganza, which featured 'Santa's Shopping Bingo' with the prize of a trip to Las Vegas.

1992

Heinsburg got a head start on Christmas with their annual Community School Family Christmas Concert, with musical entertainment, a huge turkey supper and a visit from Santa. The rural vote carried Ralph Klein to Alberta Conservative party leadership over Nancy Betkowsky, Klein winning 42 out of 48 rural ridings across the province in the second vote to become the province's 11th premier.

1997

Senior high student Rocky Pilisko, first grader Garrett Duffee and fourth grader Dustin Costyk were the big winners of \$300, \$200 and \$100 in Elk Point Bucks at the Chamber of Commerce Christmas Extravaganza, which also featured wagon rides, hot chocolate, a blazing bonfire, visits with Santa and late-night shopping. Andrew Boddy of E-Can Oilfield Services was proud to accept the chamber's Business of the Year award.

2002

Elk Point Chamber of Commerce members tallied and sorted 2,633 draw slips from Extravaganza, finding that 1,963 of them represented purchases by Elk Point and Lindbergh shoppers, while other shoppers came from Frog Lake, Fishing Lake, Heinsburg, St. Paul, Derwent, Clandonald and Marwayne, with

a few entrants coming from as far away as Calgary, Edmonton, Okotoks, Edson, Viking and Lloydminster. Two stolen snowmobiles were recovered before the perpetrators even left town, thanks to a routine traffic stop.

2007

Extravaganza was another huge success for the chamber of commerce, with members giving an enthusiastic rundown at the meeting the following week. "The story off Christmas never seems to grow stale," said Paul Chamberland in his benediction at the annual Christmas Cantata, where St. Michael's Roman Catholic, Holy Eucharist Ukrainian Catholic and Elk Point United church congregations came together in song.

2012

"It was a good year for a comeback," Elk Point Chamber of Commerce president Debra McQuinn said in her report on the Christmas Extravaganza at the chamber's final meeting of 2012. "We got quite a lot of praise."



SKATING WITH SANTA - Santa Claus took time out from his Christmas preparations and came down to the A. G. Ross Arena to get some exercise at Sunday's 'Skate With Santa,' sponsored by Elk Point Victim Services.

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Hockey highlights, Leafs to Micro Novice

What a NHL game Sunday night when the Leafs hosted the Oilers! Honestly, I must admit I cheer for the Leafs, but I don't mind if the Oilers win because they need the two points more than the Leafs do. And my good buddy Mark the 'Marksman' Latest always seems to come up with big games against the Leafs. Nothing doing on Sunday night though, I think the goal posts and a few horse-shoes won that one for the Leafs. A few weeks ago when the Leafs played in Edmonton, the 'Marksman' was the first star, scoring a goal and two assists. I never got to see him after the game, but was invited to his house by his wife Brett the following Sunday. She planned a surprise 500 NHL games party for him. By the way, he just recorded his 200th NHL point in their win over Montreal Saturday night. And for you kids who didn't know, the Canadians were his favorite team growing up as a kid. Five hundred games and 200 points, not bad for the kid from Elk Point who was never drafted and still made it to the big league by hard work. Kids, don't give up on your dreams, and practice, practice, practice!



doug
BASSETT
Review Sports

Atoms win 'A' in Millet

Here's a team that has some great practices. Got to hand it to the coaching staff of the Atoms, Jacques DeMoissac, Dennell Anderson, Willy Lesyk and manager Melinda Henderson, they are doing a wonderful job of teaching this team how to skate and other game skills. They traveled to Millet to play in their tournament this past weekend winning all three of their games, including the A final. This is a huge confidence builder for this young team. While most sane people were still in bed at 8 a.m. on Saturday, they played their first game, winning over Maskawacis 12 to 1. Kaysen 'Dynamite' DeMoissac with a goal and four assists was the game MVP. 'Hurricane Kayl' Warawa with a goal and an assist was awarded the Heart and Hustle Award. Their second game, later that same day they would win 7 to 1 over Stony Plain. Spencer 'Goldie Locks' Malchowski winning the MVP, Braylee 'Little Willy' Lesyk awarded

the Heart and Hustle. In the gold medal game against the host Millet on Sunday, they would win 7 to 1, 'Cyclone Cole' Pierce with a hat trick in this game winning the MVP, Anna 'the Banana' Henderson with the Heart and Hustle. Not only did they win the A final, our guys did awesome at the skills competition too. 'Cyclone Cole' taking first place in the accuracy challenge, Raif 'Rug Rat' Evans Anderson winning first place in puck handling and was the fastest skater as well. Charlotte 'Web Mail' Henderson second place in stick handling, Evett 'Snoopy' Smereka the second fastest skater.

Bantams win shorthanded

By playing smart hockey and passing the puck, nothing can seem keep the undefeated Bantam Avalanche down. When the team is all there and healthy they only have ten skaters, so missing two players this past Saturday was not a problem. With only three D-men and five forwards on Saturday night they still won the game over Cold Lake 5 to 4. Great team effort as you can see by the game sheet, five different goal scorers: Charlie 'Chuckles' Rogal, Evan 'Batman' Ockerman, Odin 'the Wall' Smith, 'King Cole' Bendixen, and 'Lightning Liam' Ludlage all scoring, goalie 'Sexy Slader' Hardcastle facing 32 shots and doing a terrific job of keeping the rubber out.

.500 weekend for Peeeweess

The Peeewe 3 team had a .500 weekend, losing on Saturday 3 to 0 in Irma, but coming up with a huge win on Sunday at home against Mallaig, winning that one 4 to 2. 'Top Gunner' Crawford with a goal and an assist, 'Bazooka Joey' Cardinal, Kaleb 'Formula One' Flamand, and 'Bo Diddley' Fontaine all scoring. Seth 'Motorman' Morton and Dean 'the Machine' Ockerman with assists. 'Dean the Machine' and Gavin 'Giver' Kadutski were awarded the inspirational players of the games by the coaching staff.

Tough teams in Tier 1

In the tough Tier 1 league you don't get a lot of time to think about what you're going to do with the puck. Usually



TOURNAMENT WIN - Elk Point Atom Avalanche won all three games, including the 'A' final when they traveled to a tournament in Millet this weekend.

Submitted photo

someone is on you fore-checking all the time. Scoring any goals is challenging but it seems the Peeewe 1 team was getting a little more offence going this past weekend, losing 12 to 4 on Saturday in Cold Lake. Two goals and an assist for 'King Kong Konnor' Poitras, Cash 'Paycheque' Capjack with a goal and two assists, 'Mick Jager' Fontaine doing the same, one goal two assists. Close but no cigar on Sunday at home when the Avalanche hosted the Lloydminster Blazers. They didn't totally douse the flames but at least slowed down the fire, losing this one 7 to 6, 'Mick Jager' dancing through the flames with five goals, and an assist, 'Paycheque' with a goal and three assists.

Novice news

The Novice Avalanche seemed to have a bit of trouble penetrating the Monarchs' big players on the blue line on Saturday morning, losing to Mallaig 5 to 3. Two big defensemen seemed to make all the difference, but the speedy 'Wyatt Earp' Fontaine did get through, firing two goals into the mesh. 'Without a Trace' Morgan helping him out with a couple of assists, Riley 'the Coyote' Bourne with a helper too. Kale 'the Hawk' Ockerman with his huge wingspan getting loose one time too, soaring in to score one all alone. Not scoring in

this one, but putting lots of pressure on the Monarchs, Miles 'the Millionaire' Koren and Jackson 'J.R.' Rawlake doing a good job of fore checking and turning the puck over, Remington 'Steel' Reynolds was on the doorstep once but just missed the cage by inches to bury it. Defensemen Jonathon McAleese and Jaxon 'Smitty' Smith were cruising the Avalanche blue line and doing a great job of holding the line. Some outstanding goaltending by 'Notorious Nolan' Ballas who was keeping the game close.

Fun with the Micro Novice

There was lots of fun for everyone at the Micro Novice game on Saturday morning against St. Paul. These guys are just like a barrel of monkeys, tripping and crashing into each other. A hat trick for 'Jesse James' Penner, who also added two assists, Ryder 'Rhino' Malo with two goals and an assist, William 'Billy Bob' Ballas with two goals and an assist, Jaxon 'Magic' Marcoux with a goal and two assists, 'Major Tom' Melynk with an assist. Four-year-old little Lennox St Arnault never stopped cruising the whole 60 minutes.

And now for the K. A. Campbell quote of the week. "We get nose jobs all the time in the NHL, and we don't even have to go to the hospital." -Brad Park

Win-win weekend for Elks

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point Elks thrilled their home town crows with back-to-back wins in a pair of home games this weekend, winning 3 - 6 over Kitscoty Monarchs on Friday night and 5-1 over Maidstone Jets on Saturday.

The Elks wasted no time in showing the Monarchs they were in for a challenging time, Ryley Wozniak scoring unassisted only 50 seconds into the game for 1 - 0 score that remained unchanged for one second short of 12 minutes, when Scott Ward, assisted by Wozniak and Jesse Parenteau added another, with Wozniak adding his second goal of the evening to the total less than a minute later, assisted by Mark Brodwin and Kam Ballas.

The Monarchs made a valiant attempt to regain their throne in the second with two goals just under 13 minutes apart by Jetlan Houcher, who would score Kitscoty's third goal in the final minute of the game, the first of the three unassisted, the other two assisted by Ryley Urlacher.

The Elks responded to the second period goals with a pair of their own only 25 seconds apart, just before the second intermission, Nicolas Trufal scoring off Jason Kaynchuk and Sean Joly assisted by Scott Ward and Matthew Boulianne.

Kalynchuk scored the Elks' final goal of the game off an assist by Myles Quinney, with the final Monarchs goal coming three seconds later and only 15 seconds left in the game, for a 6 - 3 final score.

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Chamber

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A number of businesses also decked their halls for Christmas prior to the Extravaganza, and Elk Point Insurance was listed on the majority of the votes deposited by the public at the Eco Centre, as they dropped by to enjoy hot chocolate and coffee served up by the FCSS and Elk Point Elementary School Ambassadors' endless supply of cotton candy.

Elk Point Insurance will receive a complimentary 2018 chamber membership, with a second complimentary membership going to Prairie Tech and Truck-in 2000, who once again supplied tractor drawn wagon rides at no charge to either the chamber or riders.

The chamber was grateful to have several other businesses step forward to help with Extravaganza, with the Cornerstone Co-op once again providing a location for Miss B's photos with Santa and Lakeland Realty kindly supplying candy bags and candy canes for the little visitors, while down the street, the younger set once again enjoyed a cookie decorating session, thanks to Golden Loaf Bakery and RONA.

Members agreed that more business involvement in planning the event could have added to the fun, and expressed a hope that more will come forward next year to get involved.

AGM date set

The chamber has set Wednesday, Feb. 7 at noon as the date for the 2018 annual meeting, at which a new executive will be elected to lead the chamber for the following year.

Applications for 2018 memberships will be going out shortly, with membership fees remaining at \$100, as set at the 2017 AGM.

Residential light judging Dec. 16-20

Those who want to view Elk Point's Christmas lights and decorations at their very best should take to the streets on the evenings between Saturday, Dec. 16 and Tuesday, Dec. 20. Those are the dates designated for judging in the annual Elk Point Chamber of Commerce Residential Lighting and Decorating Contest.

Residents are reminded to turn on their lights between 5 and 8 p.m. those evenings, ready for the judges to check them out!

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The Town of Elk Point Recreation Department has announced the winners in their Best Dressed Business Contest.

The Fan Favourite was Servus Credit Union. They did a great job, with their entire branch decorated! Bravo! Their dressed-up tree, which is only part of the decor, is shown at right.

The Judge's Choice was Elk Point Insurance, whose tree is shown at left. They had a wonderful idea to have people pay to place ornaments on their tree with all the proceeds going to the Elementary School Lunch Program. You can still stop by and donate.

Other entrants include; Signatures Collision & Frame (bottom right), Bumper to Bumper, TD Canada Trust (below) Wanda Lynn's Body Shoppe, ATB Financial and Elk Point Municipal Library.

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Saturday's game got off to a much slower start, Maidstone scoring the only goal of the first period at the 7:19 mark.

The second period saw Elks goals by Scott Ward, assisted by Sean Joly and Parentau, Kam Ballas scoring off Matthew Boulianne and Joly assisted by Ward, who would switch places for the first goal in the third, while the Elks' fifth goal came from Mark Brodbin, assisted by Wozniak and Trufal.

This week, the Elks travel to Two Hills on Friday to take on the Longhorns in their final game before the Christmas break.

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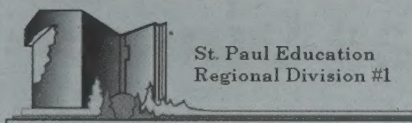
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- ◆ SATURDAY Dec. 16 @ 10:00 a.m.
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MNAA Provincial Council has called a Special Meeting of members to present special resolutions to amend the society's bylaws including the Métis Judiciary Council (MJC).

NO meaningful consultation with members has taken place about these changes and the MNAA Provincial Council has not shared Deloitte's external study of the MJC that was authorized by concerned members in 2015.

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by her husband, Mike; her
daughter, Alicia; parents,
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Edward Lien. A Funeral
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SAYING GOOD BUY TO HUNGER - Diane Peifer of the Elk Point Community Lions and Christina Kretschmer of Country 99's Christmas Convoy were all set for last Tuesday's event at Elk Point's Cornerstone Co-op, where 145 of the bulging Say Good Buy to Hunger bags were sold by Wednesday night to help fill up the Santas Anonymous Christmas hampers. Wednesday, Dec. 13 is the last day to register at Elk Point FCSS to receive a hamper.

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Seniors host special guests at annual Christmas Dinner

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point Pioneer Circle seniors welcomed some very special guests to their annual Christmas Dinner on Sunday, with the guests bringing warm wishes for the holiday season.

MLA David Hanson was the first to be introduced by Pioneer Circle president Laverne Wilson, and said he and his wife Donna were attending the event for the third year, fitting it into a packed schedule. "It's a busy time of year," he noted. "We're dancing in The Nutcracker in St. Paul tonight; I'm not a great dancer, but Donna makes me look good." The Hansons became grandparents on Sept. 5, and are looking forward to their first Christmas with their granddaughter, he said, with Wilson noting that he and wife Doris are also grandparents to a new baby girl, who will be traveling with her mother from half a world away to spend Christmas at their home.

County of St. Paul Division 1 Coun. Darrell Youngmans, who topped both Hanson and Wilson with two new grandchildren this year, said he was filling in for Division 2 counterpart Kevin Wirsta, and told the seniors, "I envy your generation," who he felt lived simpler lives and were more connected to the community. "Let's focus on society," he urged, before extending Christmas wishes from himself, Wirsta, their families and the rest of County Council.

Terry Shankowski brought greetings from the County of St. Paul and Elk Point FCSS, and said the agency hosted a great Seniors' Festival a few weeks

ago and that her current focus is on helping Santas Anonymous to help those in need in the community with the preparation of Christmas hampers.

This was the first Seniors' Christmas dinner for RCMP Sgt. Terry Hyggen, who arrived in Elk Point this past July. "I've been thinking about how things have changed over the years," he said. "My grandparents farmed at Shell Lake, SK, a community not unlike this, and neighbours were always dropping in and lending a hand. (The change in society) scares me a bit, we need to get back to the way we were. I always wanted to try small town policing, and Elk Point is a breath of fresh air. I look forward to getting to know each and every one of you."

"We're here today to honour the seniors and the season," Mayor Lorne Young said. "There are a lot of organizations in this town, and despite the changes in time and society, those organizations have one thing in common - a few seniors keeping things going smoothly." Young praised the Pioneer Circle, whose facility "is booked continuously, you should be proud of the contribution you have made. In a world where people communicate with friends on their phones, it's still all about person to person talking."

Pastor Jim MacLellan offered the blessing before everyone lined up to fill their plates with turkey and all the trimmings, then sat back to enjoy Rollee Poiras with his rendition of "Beautiful Star of Bethlehem." He was joined on stage by Velma Pease to lead the crowd in the traditional carol sing that is a feature of the event every year.